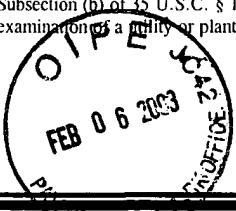


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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
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2. Miscellaneous

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- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340
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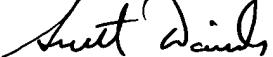
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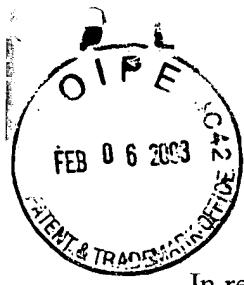
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **November 19, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claims 12-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.